
Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:00pm
Council Chambers, Raleigh Municipal Building
222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh NC 27602

AGENDA

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2015

III. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for public comment on items or issues that are otherwise not on the agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes per speaker.

IV. Staff Report

- **City Project Updates**
- **City Staffing Update**
- **City Council Actions** – City Code Evaluation for Pedestrians (pending)

V. Committee & Member Reports

- **Chair's Report**
- **Community Outreach Committee**
 - Anti-Speeding Campaign/Watch for Me, NC
 - Let's Go NC! Review
- **Bicycle Planning Committee**
 - On-road and Greenway Wayfinding
- **Pedestrian Planning Committee**
 - WalkRaleigh Implementation
- **Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee Items**
 - Raleigh Comprehensive Plan Update

VII. New Business

- **Bike Month Review** – overview of the planned events associated with Bike Month and the Oaks & Spokes festival

VIII. Announcements

- **Upcoming Events** – Please announce any events here
- **Confirmation of Next BPAC meeting** – Monday, May 18, 2015

IX. Adjournment



DRAFT Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2015

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission met on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Mike Dayton, Chair
Amy Simes, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Linda Butler
Dan Howe
Harry Johnson
Paul Nevill
Alan Wiggs

Staff:

Jennifer Baldwin, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Chris Johnson, Public Works Design/Construction Manager
Ken Dunn, Public Works Design/Construction Engineer
Rebecca Duffy, Public Works Transportation Engineer
Ken Bowers, Planning Director
Trisha Hasch, Long Range Planner

Absent:

Seth Palmer (unexcused)
Aaron Peeler (unexcused)

I. Introductions

Mr. Dayton called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Neville moved for approval of the February 20th meeting minutes, which was properly seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Brigham announced that Oaks & Spokes would be holding their annual festival on May 1st through May 10th, with multiple events happening over this period.

Mr. Wiggs inquired regarding a bike ride planned for May 1st. Ms. Baldwin indicated that the “Capital City Ride” event is planned for 7:30am from Chavis Park to the Capitol as part of the City’s Bike Month activities. Mr. Wiggs also indicated that the lights in the greenway tunnel under North Hills Drive near Dixon Drive are out and in need of repair.

Dr. Butler arrived at 6:10pm.

IV. Special Presentations

Kenneth Withrow – Wake Transit Plan Update: Mr. Withrow gave an overview of the current efforts to update the Wake Transit Plan. He emphasized the need for broad public engagement and feedback on the plan during its development. He indicated that details regarding the plan and surveys associated with the effort are available online at www.waketransit.com/choices-report.

Ken Bowers – 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update: Mr. Bowers gave an update regarding the City’s initiative to update the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in 2009. He indicated the City was conducting the update to reflect recent efforts, such as the new Parks Master Plan, multiple corridor plans, Union Station, the Unified Development Ordinance, and other emerging trends for the City. Mr. Wiggs asked about the continued proliferation of surface parking lots relative to the City’s environmental initiatives. Mr. Bowers indicated the City is continuing to look at opportunities to improve in this regard, both with respect to City Codes and capital



project initiatives. Mr. Wiggs clarified that his interest is related specifically to parking lots and water filtration. He also raised concerns about the scale of residential infill development that is occurring in his neighborhood. Mr. Howe asked how the City would avoid rewriting the entire Comprehensive Plan, and how best for the City's boards and commissions to engage in the process. Mr. Bowers replied that the scope is flexible, but that this effort is being approached as a "refresh." He noted that the Planning Commission has developed extensive revisions to the existing transit section in the document, and that the BPAC is welcome to engage on edits. Mr. Dayton asked that this item be referred to the Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee. Mr. Brigham inquired regarding the City's ability to require offsite bicycle/pedestrian improvements associated with private development.

Lillian Thompson – Northeast CAC: Mr. Dayton recognized Ms. Thompson as the chair of the Northeast Citizens Advisory Commission and offered her the floor. She reviewed the activities related to the City's current Buffalo/New Hope planning efforts and expressed her desire to see this intersection improved with respect to walkability and pedestrian accessibility. There was discussion about the role of the Commission relative to the review of development and rezoning cases; Mr. Lamb indicated that the Commission does not currently review development cases, and that this issue has been previously vetted by the Commission. He indicated that the Commission's best opportunity to influence development outcomes was through the content of the City's Unified Development Ordinance.

V. Staff Report

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb reviewed the current active transportation projects, noting that the spreadsheet had been substantially updated and reformatted since the retreat. Mr. Neville inquired regarding the Milburnie Road traffic calming project and its relationship to the Crabtree Creek Greenway.

Mr. Dayton inquired regarding the Pedestrian City Code revisions that the Commission presented to the City Council, with Mr. Lamb responding that the item was referred to the City Attorney's Office and is still pending.

VI. Committee Reports

Chair's Report: Mr. Dayton announced this is Jennifer Baldwin's last meeting with the commission and extended his gratitude on behalf of the commission for her service to City. Mr. Dayton asked if a Bike Month proclamation will be available this year.

Community Outreach Committee: No report.

Bicycle Planning Committee: No report.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: Ms. Simes reported that the committee reviewed the outcomes of the sidewalk prioritization update and recommended its approval. Ms. Baldwin gave an overview of the criteria that went into the new proposed scoring process. Mr. Howe moved to accept the committee's recommendation to update the sidewalk prioritization process and the new sidewalk priorities, which was seconded by Dr. Butler and approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. New Business

Peace Street West Streetscape Project: Mr. Johnson reviewed the City's efforts to improve the streetscape along Peace Street between St. Mary's Street and West Street. He noted that this project was programmed many years ago but delayed due to lack of funding. The project will underground most of the utilities and improve the sidewalks, lighting and landscaping along the street, however no changes are proposed to the existing lane configurations. There were multiple questions from the commissioners regarding potential modifications to

existing retaining walls. Mr. Howe inquired regarding the construction schedule for the project, with Mr. Johnson indicating this project would be moving to construction in early 2016. There was discussion regarding the pedestrian circulation at the Glenwood Avenue intersection, with Mr. Johnson indicating that there may be interest by the City in adding additional left turn lanes at some point. Mr. Brigham moved to endorse the project design, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Howe requested that staff bring any consideration regarding the need to add dual-left turn lanes at this location to the Commission for additional discussion. Mr. Brigham's motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Wiggs left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Sidewalk Improvement Projects: Mr. Dunn provided a review of multiple sidewalk projects the City is currently developing:

- Blue Ridge Road from Hillsborough Street to Faber Drive
- Blount Street/Hoke Street/Person Street, from Bragg Street to Hoke Street
- Bloodworth Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to Worth Street
- W. Millbrook Road from Bennettwood Court to Lead Mine Road
- Oakwood Avenue from N. Fisher Street to Raleigh Blvd.
- N. Raleigh Boulevard from Crabtree Blvd. to Appliance Court
- New Hope Church Road from Wake Forest Road to Atlantic Avenue

Mr. Howe moved to endorse the project designs as proposed, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Lamb noted that these projects are the product of sidewalk funding that was provided through the 2011 and 2013 transportation bond referenda.

Ms. Simes inquired regarding available funding for sidewalk-only projects, and indicated that the pedestrian committee recommended asking Council for a dedicated source of funding for sidewalk construction. Ms. Simes moved to recommend that Council establish a dedicated funding source for sidewalk projects, which was seconded by Mr. Dayton and approved by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Dayton announced the Tour de Brew event starting at Crank Arm on March 28th.

Ms. Baldwin announced that the City's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department is developing new arts plan for the City, with resources available at raleighartsplan.com.

Mr. Brigham recommended that Commissioners visit CAC's across the City and make presentations in order to generate awareness about the Commission and to improve the City's bicycle and pedestrian outreach.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Lamb



Transportation Project Updates

Major Street Improvements		
Construction		
Leesville Rd Widening	Widen street to 4 lanes with curb & gutter, sidewalks, striped bike lanes, and median refuges from I-540 to New Leesville Blvd	October 2015 completion
South/Lenoir Two-Way Conversion	Convert remaining one-way portions of Lenoir St and South St to two-way operation from S. Saunders St to East St	Starts spring 2015
Sandy Forks Rd Widening	Widen to 3-Lane with curb, gutter and sidewalks from Six Forks Rd to Falls of Neuse Rd	Starts summer 2015
Design		
Buck Jones Rd Widening	Widen street to 4 lanes with curb & gutter, sidewalks, striped bike lanes, and median refuges from Farmgate Rd to Xebec Way	Final design; construction starts 2015
Peace St West Streetscape	Roadway improvements, sidewalk repairs/replacement; street trees, utility cleanup	Final design
Hillsborough St Phase II	Streetscape to 2-lane, median-divided, bike lanes, and roundabouts from Gardner St to the Rosemary/Shepherd Sts.	65% design complete; ROW under way
Mitchell Mill Rd Widening	Widen street to 4 lanes with curb & gutter, sidewalks, striped bike lanes, and median refuges from US 401 to Watkins Rd	
Fox Rd Widening	Widen to 2-lanes w/ center turn lane, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalk on both sides from Spring Forest Rd to Sumner Blvd	Preliminary design
New Bern Ave Improvements	Install sidewalks/multi-use paths and transit enhancements from Tarboro Rd to Sunnybrook Rd	Design funded; construction 2016
Oberlin Rd Streetscape	Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities, lighting and landscape features from Clark Ave to Bedford Rd.	
New Hope Church Rd Widening	Widen to 2-lanes w/ center turn lane, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalk on both sides from Green Rd to Deana Lane	Design consultant selected; construction 2017
Pleasant Valley Rd Widening	Widen to 2-lanes w/ center turn lane, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalk on both sides from Duraleigh Rd to Glenwood Ave	
Yonkers Rd Improvements	Widen to 2-lanes w/ bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalk on one side from Capital Boulevard to New Bern Ave	Design consultant selected; construction 2018
Studies		
Six Forks Corridor Study	Long range multimodal transportation study and streetscape plan from Ramblewood Dr to Sandy Forks Rd	Draft Corridor Plan to be presented to City Council in April
Bike Share Feasibility Study & Implementation Plan	Analysis of the bike share concept and will determine the likely success of a bike-sharing program in Raleigh.	Implementation plan results to be presented to City Council March 17
Lumley/Westgate Rds. Corridor Improvements	Install sidepath (Lumley Rd); widen shoulders for bike lanes (Westgate Rd); and install bike lanes/multi-use path (Ebenezer Ch Rd) from Brier Creek Pkwy to Umstead entrance	Feasibility study almost complete
West St Extension Study	Extend West St from Martin St to Cabarrus St under NCRR	NEPA study underway

Transportation Project Updates

Transportation/Area Plans		
Bicycle Plan Update	Update the 2009 Comprehensive Bicycle Plan	Consultant selected, contract negotiation underway; completion by 2016
Cameron Village/Hillsborough St Small Area Plans	Land use and transportation in the study between Wade Ave and Hillsborough St, and between Chamberlain St and St Mary's St	Study underway; Hillsborough Street Public meetings March 30- April 1
Raleigh-Cary Rail Crossing Study	Examine future street network in east Cary and west Raleigh with respect to a future sealed rail corridor scenario. Joint project with CAMPO, Town of Cary, TTA,	Study underway; Public Meetings March 16 & 18
Raleigh Downtown Plan	Study area will cover the entire Downtown as outlined in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan; Analysis of development, public realm, infrastructure, and	Study underway; Draft plan to be presented to City Council in April
Southern Gateway Corridor Study	Long range area study from South St to just south of Tryon Rd (formerly S. Saunders/Wilmington St Corridor Study)	Project to kick-off meetings held March 10-12
Major Traffic Calming Projects (Neighborhood Streetscapes)		
Construction		
Brookside Drive	Add bike lanes, median islands, curb extensions and bulb-outs from Watauga St to Glasscock St	Under Construction
Glascock St	Add median islands, curb extensions, and new sidewalk on north side west of State St from Norris St to Raleigh Blvd	
Kaplan Drive	Add bike lanes, sidewalks, curb extensions, bulb-outs, median islands, and speed humps from Melbourne Rd to Kent Rd	Construction estimated to begin early 2015
Milburnie Rd	Raleigh Blvd to Chatham Ln	
Design		
Cross Link Rd South	Dandridge Rd to Garner Rd	Currently under conceptual design; Council review scheduled for 3/3/15
Currituck Drive	Lassiter Mill Rd to Tyrrell Rd	
Town & Country Rd	Millbrook Rd to Lead Mine Rd	
Greenway Improvement Projects		
Design		
Crabtree Creek Trail W Extension	Lindsey Dr to Umstead Park - 4 miles	Under design
Rosengarten Trail	Cabarrus St to S. Saunders/Lake Wheeler at Rocky Branch Trail - 0.5 miles	Under design, Public meeting Thursday, March 19
Bicycle Projects		
Construction		
Bicycle Pavement Marking Project	Design and install 27 miles of bicycle facilities Citywide (FY13 CMAQ Grant Project)	Construction to start May 2015

Transportation Project Updates

City Resurfacing Program	Resurface City-maintained streets and restripe per the Bike Plan	Projects TBD
NCDOT Resurfacing Program	Resurface State-maintained streets and restripe per the Bike Plan - Raleigh Blvd from Crabtree Blvd to New Bern Ave	Construction to start Spring 2015
Design		
Gorman St Cycle Track	Construct a two-way cycle track on Gorman St between Sullivan Dr and Hillsborough St	Under design
Pedestrian Projects		
Construction		
Sanderford Rd	Construct sidewalk from 2401 Sanderford Rd to Elk Park Dr	Complete
Freedom Dr/Rhyn Court	Construct sidewalk from south of New Bern Ave to End of cul-de-sac	Under construction
Six Forks Rd	Construct sidewalks from Coleridge Dr to Wake Forest Rd (CMAQ Grant Project)	Construction to begin 2015
Chapanoke Rd	Construct sidewalks, intersection improvements, and transit amenities from Illeagnes Rd to Wilmington Service Rd	
Clark Ave	Construct sidewalks from Woodburn to Bellwood on the north side	
Green Rd	Construct sidewalks from New Hope Church Rd to Spring Forest Rd on both sides	
I-40 Ped Retrofits	Construct sidewalks on Avent Ferry, Rock Quarry, and Buck Jones Rds bridges over I-40	
Downtown Ped Safety Improvements	Design and install pedestrian signals at several downtown intersections	
Pedestrian Projects		
Design		
Bloodworth St	Construct sidewalks from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to Worth St on the east side	Design underway
Blount/Hoke/Person Sts	Construct sidewalks from north of Branch St to Bragg St	
Blue Ridge Rd	Construct sidewalk on the west side from Beryl Rd to Faber St	
Capital Boulevard	Construct sidewalks and transit amenities from Spring Forest Rd to Old Wake Forest Rd on both sides	
Crabtree Boulevard	Construct sidewalks from Capital Blvd to Timber Dr on the south side	

Transportation Project Updates

New Hope Church Rd	Construct sidewalks from Atlantic Ave to Wake Forest Rd on both sides	Schedule pending
Poole Rd	Construct sidewalks from Donald Ross Drive to Sunnybrook Rd on the north side	
Rock Quarry Rd	Construct sidewalks from MLK Blvd to Bart St on the east side; also includes Rock Quarry Rd/Blazing Star Way intersection improvements	
Capital Boulevard	Construct sidewalks from I-40 Ramps to Brentwood Rd on both sides	
E. Millbrook Rd	Construct sidewalks from Atlantic Ave to Capital Blvd on the north side	
Lake Wheeler Rd	Construct sidewalks from Maywood Ave to Centennial Pkwy; asphalt path on the west side	
Maywood Ave	Construct sidewalks from S. Saunders St to Lake Wheeler Rd on both sides	
Millbrook Rd	Construct sidewalks from Lead Mine Rd to Bennettwood on the south side	
New Hope Rd	Construct sidewalks from Capital Blvd to Wallingford Dr on both sides	
Oakwood Ave	Construct sidewalks from Hill St to Raleigh Blvd on the north side	
Raleigh Boulevard	Construct sidewalks from Crabtree Creek Bridge to 350' north of Yonkers Rd on both sides	
Spring Forest Rd	Construct sidewalks from McHines Place to Capital Blvd on both sides	
Wade Ave	Construct sidewalks from Hobson Court to Daniels St on both sides	
Wake Forest Rd	Construct sidewalks from Creekside Drive to Georgetown Rd on the west side	